

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 09/884,450	Applicant(s) HALBMAIER, DAVID L.	
	Examiner Joseph L. Perrin, Ph.D.	Art Unit 1746	

All Participants:

(1) Joseph L. Perrin, Ph.D.

(2) Applicant's representative, Mr. Scott G. Ulbrich.
Status of Application: _____

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Date of Interview: 10 & 16 March 2004
Time: _____

Type of Interview:
☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

23-24

Prior art documents discussed:

US 3,734,109; JP 06-134411

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.
☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:

On 10 March 2004, in an attempt to compact prosecution the Examiner contacted Mr. Ulbrich to indicate withdrawal of finality and potential rejection of claims 23-24 in view of the aforementioned prior art documents, and suggested submission of a proposed amendment to overcome the prior art. Mr. Ulbrich faxed a proposed amendment of claims 23 & 24, of which the Examiner subsequently approved.

On 16 March 2004, the Examiner issued a Non-final rejection over the newly found prior art along with a withdrawal of finality. Mr. Ulbrich subsequently authorized entry of the proposed amendment via Examiner's Amendment to place the application in condition for allowance.